



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Joliet in Illinois
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**Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis
of Mary Immaculate, Archives**

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History: The Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate of Joliet, Illinois, taught at the following Catholic schools serving Ojibwa Indian students:

1879-present	Holy Family Mission School, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1880-1960	St. Francis Mission School, Red Cliff, Red Cliff Reservation, Wisconsin

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1879-1981, n.d.

Volume: .6 cubic foot

Description: 3 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Mission Annals"

Inclusive dates: 1879-1981

Volume: .2 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish.

A. Bayfield, Holy Family Mission and School, 1879-1981, .1 cubic foot:

1. Correspondence, 1897, 1912, 1924, 1928, 1933, 1935-1938, 1947, 1954, 1956-1960, 1963, 1965, 1968, 1978-1979, 67 letters; major correspondents include Mother Thomasine, O.S.F., Mother Borromeo, O.S.F., Sister M. Hyacinth, O.S.F., Sister M. Bernardine, O.S.F., Reverend Regis Watts, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
2. Annals, 1879-1981, 1 folder: typed and occasionally handwritten copies; entries from 1915-1981 are more detailed than earlier ones
3. Clippings, 1940s-1970s, 1 folder

- B. Red Cliff, St. Francis Mission and School, 1880-1959, .1 cubic foot:
1. Correspondence, 1932, 1935-1936, 1957, 7 letters
 2. Annals, 1880-1959, 1 volume; includes both the handwritten bound original and a typed copy; entries for 1880-1927 are annual summaries, while entries for 1928-1959 appear daily
 3. Clippings, 1944, 1956, 1 folder

/2 "Deceased Sisters' Records"

Inclusive dates: 1932-1952, n.d.

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname.

- A. Sister M. Cordula Neveaux, O.S.F., 1939-1940, n.d., 1 folder:
1. Correspondence, 1939-1940, 5 letters
 2. Clippings, n.d.; re: her life and work
- B. Sister M. Seraphica Reineck, O.S.F., 1932, 1937, 1946, n.d., 2 folders:
1. Correspondence, 1932, 1937, 1946, n.d., 15 letters
 2. Photographs, n.d., 6 prints
 3. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder; re: her activities at the Indian missions and schools
- C. Sister M. Victoria Steidl, O.S.F., 1952, n.d., 1 folder:
1. Correspondence, n.d., 1 letter
 2. Photographs, 1952, 1 print
 3. Clippings, n.d.: re: her activities at the Indian missions and schools

/3 Photographs

Inclusive dates: 1895-1980, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 240 prints

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the parish or mission.

- A. Bayfield, Holy Family Mission and School, 1895-1980, n.d., approximately 190 prints
- B. La Pointe, St. Joseph Mission, 1935, 1963, n.d., 13 prints
- C. Odanah, St. Mary Mission and School, 1925, n.d., 10 prints
- D. Red Cliff, St. Francis Mission and School, 1940, 1947-1948, n.d., 27 prints